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TAGS: PINT, PK  
SUBJECT: ANOTHER PAK AMBASSADOR RESIGNS

1. BBC ANNOUNCED EVENING APRIL 14, AND PAK PRESS REPORTED  
MORNING APRIL 15, THAT LT. GENERAL (RET) GUL HASSAN, PAKISTAN'S  
AMBASSADOR TO GREECE, HAS RESIGNED. IN HIS STATEMENT, GUL  
HASSAN SAID HE WAS RESIGNING BECAUSE THE GOP HAD FAILED TO FUL-  
FILL PLEDGES MADE TO THE PEOPLE AND HAD CHANGED THE PEOPLE'S  
VERDICT IN THE ELECTIONS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE PM HAD "STRANGLERED  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESORTED TO KILLING WITHOUT JUSTIFICATIONS."

2. GUL HASSAN WAS CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF AT THE TIME OF BHUTTO'S  
ATTAINING POWER. BOTH HE AND AIR MARSHAL RAHIM KHAN - AMBASSADOR  
TO SPAIN WHO ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION IN PROTEST AGAINST BHUTTO'S  
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POLICIES ON APRIL 13 (ISLAMABAD 3617)- PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE IN  
BRINGING BHUTTO BACK TO PAKISTAN FROM THE UN IN DECEMBER, 1971,  
MET HIM AT THE AIRPORT AND PERSONALLY ESCORTED HIM TO THE  
PRESIDENT'S HOUSE WHERE HE TOOK OVER OFFICE.

3. AS IS TRADITIONAL IN PAKISTAN POLITICS, WHEN BHUTTO ASSUMED  
POWER, HE DID NOT LONG HESITATE TO PUT OFFICERS HE COULD TRUST

AND WHO WERE BEHOLDEN TO HIM FOR THEIR POSITION IN AT THE TOP LEVELS OF THE MILITARY. CONSEQUENTLY, BOTH RAHIM KHAN AND GUL HASSAN WERE EASED OUT OF THEIR JOBS AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS AND SENT ABROAD AS ENVOYS.

4. (WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED REPORT, AS YET UNCONFIRMED, THAT PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT, SYED AHMED KIRMANI (OLD MUSLIM LEAGUE POLITICIAN AND FORMER WEST PAKISTAN MINISTER) HAS ALSO RESIGNED IN PROTEST.)

5. COMMENT: THE NEARLY SIMULTANEOUS RESIGNATION OF TWO AMBASSADORS WHO WERE HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL AS MILITARY MEN IN BRINGING BHUTTO TO POWER CAN ONLY ACT TO FURTHER UNSETTLE THE POLITICAL SITUATION. THEIR DEPARTURE WILL BE SEEN BY MANY OF BHUTTO'S SUPPORTERS AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE CONTINUING DETERIORATION OF HIS POSITION. THERE ARE ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY ELEMENTS WITHIN BOTH THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE - WHERE BOTH AMBASSADORS WERE RESPECTED MILITARY MEN - WHO WILL BE DISTURBED BY THEIR RESIGNATIONS; THIS TOO CAN ONLY HEIGHTEN NERVOUSNESS IN BHUTTO'S CAMP. BYROADE

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